(b) whether it is a fact that the Staff, Lecturers and Professors of the former Manipur Agricultural College before the merger with the Central Agricultural University are not taken as university staff and not enjoying the scale of university; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir, as per the Project Report for Establishment of Central Agricultural University for North Eastern Hill Region-1990, the following disciplines are proposed to be started in M.Sc. programmes; Genetics & Plant Breeding, Plant Pathology, Agronomy, Agricultural Engineering, Agricultural economics and Statistics, Agriculture Extension. However, Social Science, Extension Education and Animal Husbandry as a separate subject for Post-graduate classes have not been proposed.

(b) No, Sir. The Staff, lecturers and professors of Manipur Agriculture College have been taken as Central Agricultural University Staff. The Assistant Prof., Associate Prof. and Professor of the College, Central Agricultural University are being paid salary as per grade of University Grant Commission which is also prescribed by the ICAR. For non teaching staff of the College of Agriculture, salaries are being paid as per the provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1995 issued with the approval of the Central Government. Besides, they are also being paid dearness allowance, interim relief, bonus, etc. as per Central Govt. rules.

(c) Does not arise.

Role of Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission

3657. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission with regard to fixing prices of cereals;

(b) whether the Commission is functioning properly;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are ignoring the recommendations of the Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The role of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) is to make recommendations to the Government on a agricultural price policy on a continuing basis. The Commission is required to evolve a balanced and integrated price structure to meet the overall needs of the economy and with due regard to the interests of producers and consumers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The recommendations of the CACP serve as the basis for formulating the agricultural price policy and these are generally accepted. However, the Government at times improves upon the recommendations made by the CACP keeping in view the developments taking place after submission of the report.

ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के अंतर्गत राज्यों के वर्गीकरण हेतु मानदंड

3658. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:**
श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता:

क्या **कृषि** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या ड्रिप सिंचाई योजना के अंतर्गत विभिन्न राज्यों को विभिन्न श्रेणियों में रखा गया है, यदि हां, तो यह वर्गीकरण किस आधार पर किया गया है;